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- 1. In early February 1955, it was learned that preparations were under way for a replacement by a permanent structure of the temporary bridge over an arm of the Oder River at Oderberg. 1
- 2. On 14 February, the VEB Bauhof (construction enterprise) started work on the dismantling of the so-called Russian bridge in F/0. The dismantling was executed by order of the Soviet Kech organization and supervised by German border police.

No 248 and crosses the Oder-Havel Canal immediately south of Oderberg. The structure was demolished in early 1945 and crebuilt as an emergency bridge with a load capacity of two tons by the Soviets in 1947. It is believed that the replacement of the bridge by a permanent structure was necessitated by traffic to the newly established KVP central fuel depot at Hohensaaten.

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Comment. The so-called Russian Fridge is a wooden emergency bridge built by the Soviets as the northernmost of the three highway bridges in Frankfurt/Oder after the end of the war. Since the old Oderstadt Fridge was recenstructed in the fall of 1952 and one lane of the autobahn bridge will be completed by the end of 1955, it appears credible that the Russian Fridge will be dismantled, because its maintenance is rather costly.

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